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2003–04 Utah Health Status Survey, Insurance Status: Comparison of Question Wording and Flow





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In 2003–04, the insurance questions started by asking if anyone in the household had coverage. Then follow-up questions asked about health insurance coverage variations in the household. This was done regardless of the answer to the household screener (yes or no), although the follow-up question wording was slightly different.

The household level information was used to create a “short list” of all the health insurance coverage variations in the household. The “short list” was then used to collect health insurance information from each household member. Source of coverage and lack of coverage were both verified.

Item	2001 and 2003–04
Household screener question	COV1. The next few questions ask about health insurance. By health insurance I mean private and employer plans, prepaid plans such as HMOs, and government plans, such as Medicare. Are any of the members of your household currently covered by health insurance?
If “Yes”:	[IDENTIFY HEALTH INS. STATUS OPTIONS IN HH] COV2. Please tell me if anyone in your household has any of the following, healthcare coverage ... [go to COV2x1]
If “No”:	[VERIFY HEALTH INSURANCE STATUS OPTIONS IN HH] COV3. There are some types of plans you may not have considered, are any of the members of your household currently covered by health insurance ... [go to COV2x1]
Ascertain all health insurance status options that are present in the HH:	<u>COV2x1</u> that is provided through a current or former employer or union?
	<u>COV2x2</u> . Is anyone in the household covered by ... A health insurance plan that you purchase directly from an insurance company and not through an employer or union?
	<u>COV2x3</u> . The health plan of someone who does not live in the household?
	<u>COV2x4</u> . Medicare, that is, the government plan for person age 65 or older or those with disabilities?
	<u>COV2x5</u> . Medicaid?
	<u>COV2x6</u> . The Utah Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, is a program for children of working parents whose children are uninsured or who earn too much for Medicaid benefits. Does anyone have coverage through CHIP?
	<u>COV2x7</u> . Is anyone in the household covered by ... Another government plan, such as Military, CHAMPUS, Tri-care or the V.A?
	<u>COV2x8</u> . Does anyone have health insurance that covers ONLY certain specific medical conditions, such as for diabetes or breast cancer? (NOTE: This is NOT considered “health insurance coverage.”)

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	<p><u>COV2x9</u>. Coverage through some other source that I have not already mentioned?</p> <p>→ If “Yes”, What source is this coverage from?</p>
	<p><u>COV2x10</u>. Is there anyone in your household who has no health care coverage, that is, none of the types of plans I just mentioned?</p>
	<p>[CATI program makes a “short list” of all health insurance status options present in current HH]</p>
	<p>SLO1. Are all persons in your household covered by... [<i>a plan available through a current or former employer or union?</i>]</p> <p>1. Yes – all are covered by same plan</p> <p>2. No – Only some are covered by this plan</p>
	<p>[If “Yes,” go to next short list option. If “No,” ascertain status of each HH member.]</p>
	<p>SLO2. [Short list options were created by the CATI program, and varied among households.]</p>

Additional questions asked in 2003–04 to verify health insurance status:

For anyone in the HH who was reported to have had health insurance at the time of the survey, an additional followup question was asked to ascertain coverage throughout the past 12 months.

COV11. Thinking about any health insurance, did [you/name] have coverage for all of the last 12 months?

1. YES
2. NO
8. (DK)
9. (REFUSED)

Another question in 2003–04 asked adults who were insured at the time of the survey to determine if their coverage was through the new, Utah-specific Primary Care Network.

PCN. There is a new Medicaid plan which provides adults with Primary Care insurance only. The name of this new Medicaid plan is the Primary Care Network. Is [your/name’s] insurance through the Primary Care Network?

1. YES
2. NO
8. (DK)
9. (REFUSED)



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If anyone in the household was reported to have had health insurance, two questions were asked to ascertain Medicaid status. Medicaid cards are 8 ½ x 11" cardstock sheets that are issued monthly. These characteristics are believed to be unique to Medicaid.

CARDSIZE. When thinking about [your/name's] insurance card, would you say it is credit-card-sized, or a larger piece of paper?

1. Credit Card Size
2. Larger piece of paper
3. BOTH (more than 1 type of insurance)
8. (DK)
9. (REFUSED)

CARDNEW. Do you [do you/does name] receive a new I.D. card every month or is the I.D. card valid for longer?

1. Once a month
2. ID card valid for longer than once a month
3. BOTH (more than 1 type of insurance)
8. (DK)
9. (REFUSED)